

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District met in a regular meeting on the 10th day of January 2012 at 9:00 am at the District office in Tipton, California. The meeting was called to order by President SIMONICH. It was determined the following Directors were in attendance:

Director	Div. 2	2013	JIM COSTA
Director	Div. 3	2015	TOM BARCELLOS
Director	Div. 4	2015	GARY FERNANDES
Director	Div. 1	2013	TONY SIMONICH
Director	Div. 5	2013	JOHN ROELOFFS (Arrived at 10am)

District Staff Present: DANIEL G. VINK – General Manager
MIKE BATTLES – Operations Manager
ERIC LIMAS – Business Manager

Others Present: ALEX PELTZER - District Counsel

1. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director BARCELLOS and unanimously approved, the agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes of the December 20, 2011 Regular meeting were distributed for review. On motion by Director COSTA, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved the Board accepted the minutes and ordered them placed on file.

2. WATER RESOURCES

The Board reviewed a variety of water resources activities including an update from General Manager VINK on the 2012 projected water supply. At present, the water supply does not look promising for 2012. The approximate 20,000 acre feet that the District has remaining from 2011 will likely be carried over into 2012.

At approximately 9:15am the Board convened into Executive session to discuss various litigation matters. District Counsel ALEX PELTZER was present for the discussion. Upon coming out of Executive session it was reported that no action was taken.

General Manager VINK reported that he and Porterville Irrigation District General Manager SEAN GEIVET had reached tentative terms on an extension of the Tule River water supply transfer program. It is expected that the Board will have an agreement for review and approval at the February Board meeting.

3. DISTRICT OPERATIONS

Construction and Operation activities

General Manager VINK and Operations Manager BATTLES reviewed a variety of Operation and Maintenance activities with the Board including the on-going repair and rehabilitation on the upper-end of canal #3 as part of the Tule River Inter-tie project.

Personnel

General Manager Vink reminded the Board that the General Manager's contract requires an annual review in January of each year. General Manager Vink will work with the President and Vice President of both the Pixley Irrigation and Lower Tule River Irrigation Districts to review the General Manager's contract to discuss related compensation and performance.

Legal Matters

General Manager VINK reviewed a variety of San Joaquin River settlement issues with the Board including the 2011 interim flows and other issues associated with the river settlement and the restoration plan. No action was taken.

Administrative Activities

The Board reviewed the Financial Statements for the month of December 2011, on motion by Director ROELOFFS, second by Director FERNANDES and unanimously approved the Board accepted the Financial Statements and ordered them placed on file.

The Board reviewed the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December bills and on motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director ROELOFFS and unanimously approved, the Board ratified the actions of the Finance Committee in the payment of the December bills.

4. CROSS VALLEY CANAL

The Board reviewed a variety of Cross Valley Canal activities. The Board also conferred with District Counsel KEN RICHARDSON via telephone to discuss the contract renewal negotiations.

The Bureau of Reclamation is offering an IR14 Interim Renewal Contract for the Cross

Valley Canal. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board adopted Resolution 2012-1-1; approving the final form of Interim Renewal Contract IR14 and authorizing the designated officers to execute on behalf of the District. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board also adopted Resolution 2012-1-2; authorizing the filing of a Categorical Exemption under the CEQA guidelines. A copy of Resolution 2012-1-1 and Resolution 2012-1-2 are attached as **Exhibit “A” and Exhibit “B”**.

5. **TULE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

The Board reviewed a variety of Tule River activities including a briefing from General Manager VINK on the recent TRIJPA Executive meeting.

Success Power Project

General Manager VINK reported recent developments relative to the Success Power Project and on-going generator repairs.

The Board then turned its attention to a short term contract with NLINE ENERGY for services in the amount of \$5,000.00. NLINE ENERGY will provide an analysis for the Board and for the District on the best and highest use on the Success Power Project under new contracts being offered by Southern California Edison. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized execution with NLINE.

6. **FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY**

The Friant Water Authority has not yet met since the Districts last regular meeting.

7. **MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES/AUTHORITIES**

Deer Creek & Tule River Authority

The Deer Creek and Tule River Authority will be holding its meeting on the 20th of January 2012.

The Board has the opportunity to go on a tour of the Shaver Lake rehabilitation project with Southern California Edison. That tour is being set up for the later part of January or in the beginning of February.

8. **U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Nothing new to report.

9. MEETINGS, HEARINGS & NOTICES

General Manager also reported on the Mid Pacific Region Water Users Authority conference that will be held on January 25th.

10. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- A. Association of California Water Agencies - Nothing new to report
- B. California Farm Water Coalition – The District has received a request for support for the Farm Water Coalition in the amount of \$14,385.00 for 2012. On motion by Director BARCELLOS, second by Director COSTA and unanimously approved the Board authorized support for the California Farm Water Coalition.
- C. Family Farm Alliance – Nothing new to report

There being no further business to be brought to the Boards attention and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel G. Vink
General Manager